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SUBJECT: SIXTH SESSION OF ITALY- USSR MIXED COMMISSION

- 1. AT WEEKLY LUNCHEON OF WESTERN ECON/ COMM COUNSELORS MARCH 14, ITALIAN EMBOFF PIAGGESI REPORTED PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF SIXTH SESSION ITALY- USSR MIXED COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION HELD ROME FEBRUARY 26-28. HIS REPORT SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL AND SUGGESTS THAT MORE OF A SPECIFIC NATURE MAY HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THAN WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ITALIAN MFA SOURCE QUOTED PARA FIVE REFTEL.
- 2. PIAGGESI SAID COMMISSION REACHED AGREEMENT ON THREE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS:

A. EXPANSION OF TOL' YATTI PLANT TO ONE MILLION CARS A YEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM PRESENT 660,000. NO TIME FRAME AGREED UPON, BUT SPECIALISTS WILL BEGIN MEETING TO DISCUSS DETAILS. EXPANSION WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MODEL.

- B. ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN SOVIET CELLULOSE/ WOOD INDUSTRY PROJECT, WITH ONE- QUARTER OF OUTPUT TO BE SOLD TO ITALY AND ITALIAN ASSISTANCE TO USSR IN MARKETING IN THIRD- WORLD COUNTRIES. PIAGGESI SAID ORIGINAL PROPOSAL HAD COME FROM ITALIAN SIDE, WITH ONE- QUARTER BUY- BACK AND THIRD- WORLD MARKETING PROVISIONS FORM SOVIETS.
- C. SALE OF SOVIET ENRICHED URANIUM TO ITALY FOR USE IN THREE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. REQUESTED BY ITALY, AGREED TO BY SOVIETS.
- 3. PIAGESSI REPORTED AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE LONG- TERM ACCORD ON " ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL" COOPERATION DESCRIBED IN PARA FOUR REFTEL AND SAID DRAFTS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN DISCUSSED BY MIXED COMMISSION. HE MENTIONED SEPARATELY COMMISSION DECISION TO BEGIN TALKS ON NEW " SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL" AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE BROADER IN SCOPE THAN PRESENT ONE.
- 4. FINALLY, PIAGGESI REPORTED AGREEMENT TO REDUCE MIXED COMMISSION WORKING GROUPS FROM FIFTEEN TO TWELVE. SAID CHEMICAL AND BASIC RESEARCH GROUPS HAD BEEN ELIMINATED BECAUSE WORKING LEVEL RELATIONS SO WELL DEVELOPED IN THESE FIELDS THAT FORMAL GROUPS NO LONGER NECESSARY. HOUSEHOLD GOODS WORKING GROUP TERMINATED BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN DECIDED NO POSSIBILITY EXISTED FOR ITALIAN-SOVIET COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.
- 5. PIAGGESI SAID NEXT MIXED COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD MOSCOW LATE 1973.

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